(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) On the total migrant population of 191 million in the world today, it is estimated that about 49% are women. While precise data on the number of Indian women working abroad is not available, it is estimated that about 44% of migrants from southern part of Asia are women.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Dual passports to NRIs

333. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have put the much-publicized scheme of issuance of dual passports to NRIs on back-burner;

(b) if so, in what manner the envisaged benefits emerging from dual Passports to NRIs would now be achieved so as to involve them in Nation's developmental activities more vigorously through their vast resources and expertise; and

(c) the general consensus amongst NRIs and their Federations, etc. about the inordinate delay in implementing this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) There has been no proposal to issue dual passports to NRIs under consideration.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Investment by NRIs

234. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has urged the NRIs/PIOs at Pravasi Bhartiya Divas to invest in India;

(b) if so, the reasons due to which PIO's have not been allowed to invest upto 100% in aviation sector including domestic airlines;